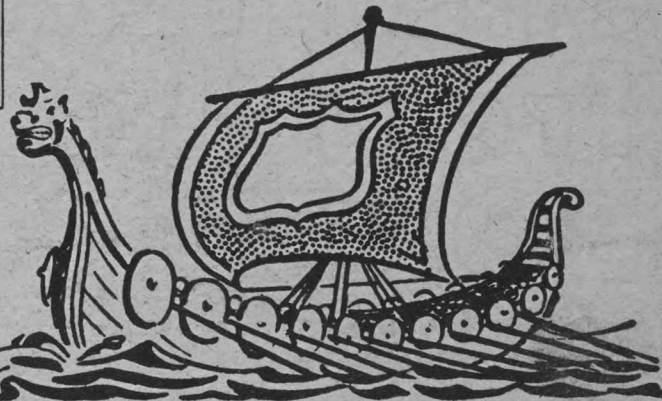




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## Swedish consul passes

O. Sigurd Franzen passed away in an Edmonton hospital on May 24, 1978.

Sig Franzen was born on June 16, 1906, at Ljungskile in the Province of Goteborg and Bohuslan in Sweden.

During his boyhood he listened to friends of the family, who had emigrated to Saskatchewan, speak about Canada. Their description of this country aroused his curiosity, and in 1923 he made the journey to Saskatchewan to see for himself.

He stayed with friends at Hirsch and worked on a farm until the fall of 1925 when he moved to Winnipeg. There he worked on elevator construction at the same time taking night courses to further his education.

In 1929 he joined a life insurance company, and in 1936 moved to Edmonton where he continued in insurance.

On June 28, 1941, in Augustana Lutheran Church he was married to Ida Elizabeth Sandquist of Hay Lakes, Alberta.

Mr. Franzen was appointed Acting Swedish Vice-Consul on July 1, 1950. In 1951 he became Vice-Consul, and was made Consul on January 24, 1969.

During those years he spent countless hours helping Swedes with various problems and ques-



O. SIGURD FRANZEN

tions, as well as representing Swedish interests in the Edmonton area in the best possible way.

In recognition of his services he was appointed Knight, First Class, of the Royal Order of Vasa on June 6, 1971.

Mr. Franzen started the O.S. Franzen Travel Service in 1951, and on retiring from the insurance business in 1965 he organized the family company of Sauna Sales Ltd.

He was a member of the Swedish Club North Star (for Svenskhetens bevarande i utlandet) and at the annual meeting in 1971 received the title of

Honourary Chairman.

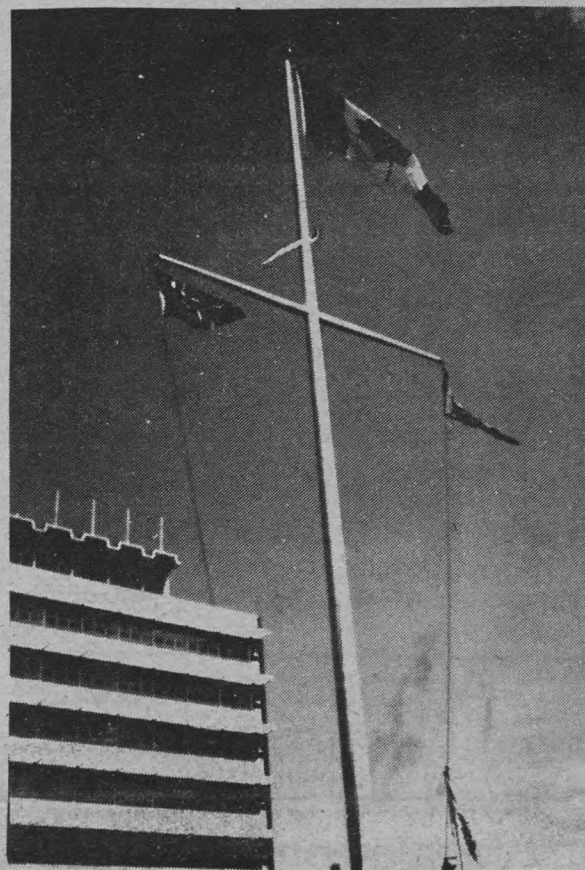
Mr. Franzen was also a member of Augustana Lutheran Church and of Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549.

In addition he was an honorary member of the Faculty Club of the University of Alberta, a member of the Garrison Officers' Club, and a founding director of the Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association, as well as a patron of the Scandinavian Businessmen's Club.

He will be greatly missed by his many friends and those who came to seek his help.

Mr. Franzen is survived by his son, Lorne, and daughter, Lorraine, and one sister in Sweden. He was predeceased by his wife, Ida, on June 27, 1973.

Funeral services were from Augustana Lutheran Church on May 27th with Pastors Kruger and Sjoberg officiating.



NORWAY'S FLAG FLIES AT CITY HALL

## Syttende Mai

by Bea Huser

Under a bright May sky, a fresh western breeze rustling its folds, the flag of Norway fluttered up the tall pole in front of City Hall and streamed proudly out above our city.

For one day, the 17th of May — Norway's Independence Day — it flew there, speaking to all who cared to know of a hardy, independent, pioneering people who left their mountain homeland to give their hearts and allegiance to this, our Canada!

Some two hundred Sons and Daughters of Norway and their friends met at our Civic Centre to commemorate our Norwegian heritage.

Seen in the crowd were Arne

Johannessen, Norwegian Consul; Dr. Chris Hale, Professor of Scandinavian Languages at the University of Alberta, and his wife, Lara, along with their three-month-old son, Harold Hamundur, in a carriage bedecked with a Norwegian flag; Miss Jennifer Christensen, Queen of Solglyt Lodge No. 143, Sons of Norway.

Many Lodge members were also present, and we were happy to see a large class of Grade V and VI students and their teachers from High Park School, all paying rapt attention.

His Worship, Mayor Cec Purves, was introduced by Solglyt President, Gary Johnson. Mayor Purves then welcomed the Norwegian ethnic group and

read the proclamation declaring "today we honour our Canadians of Norwegian origin".

Small flags fluttered in children's hands. Music from Solglyt's accordions and violin rose into the spring air. Voices were raised in the singing of *Ja, Vi Elsker*, Norway's national anthem.

And the flag of Norway — red with crosses of blue and white — was raised to its place of honour beside the Maple Leaf of Canada.



JENNIFER CHRISTENSEN, Miss Sons of Norway; MAYOR CEC PURVES; and GARY JOHNSON, President, Solglyt Lodge.



JENNIFER CHRISTENSEN  
HARRY HUSER and ASTRID HOPE



JENNIFER CHRISTENSEN  
Miss Sons of Norway



# SPLINTERS from the BOARD

## NO BOARD MEETING IN JULY

So many Directors are taking their holidays during July that it will not be possible to hold a meeting during this month; it is a welcome break for those Directors who have attended so many meetings during May and June.

## SCANDAPADES

The plan for Scandapades '79 is that it will be held on February 22, 23 and 24 at the Centre, again with the dinner theatre format, with a matinee performance on the afternoon of the 24th for senior citizens and handicapped persons.

## SPECIAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING POSTPONED

PLEASE NOTE that the Special Shareholders' Meeting has been moved to August 29th. The Board has not yet received a reply from the City of Edmonton to the letter we wrote to them over a month ago and has again written asking the City when we might expect a response.

As explained before, once the Board has the information which they want to bring to the shareholders, thirty days' notice of a general meeting must be given. If we receive the information just after this paper has been published it would mean a two-month delay in holding a meeting. By setting a date for the meeting each month the Board can prevent such a delay from happening.

## AUGUST ISSUE IMPORTANT!

The Board wants all shareholders to be as well informed as possible when they come to the Special General Meeting; the August paper will therefore contain a complete resume by the President of happenings to date and alternatives. It is important that you have this information, so please be sure to read it carefully in next month's paper and give it some serious thought.

## Announcement

Club Viking will be the proud sponsor of  
**Friday Noon Smorgasbords**  
**Commencing on September 15**  
at the Scandinavian Centre

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# VASA LODGE SKANDIA



by Gertie Holmgren

Our regular June meeting was held in the Skandia Inn at Pigeon Lake on June 3rd with chairman Ray Nyroos in the chair.

The charter was draped in memory of our late brother, Sigurd Franzen, who passed away on May 24, 1978. We extend our deepest sympathies to his son and daughter, Lorne and Lorraine.

Carol Hill was initiated into our order; we welcome her and hope her membership will be long and that she will get a great deal of pleasure in being one of us.

Karl Leander was reported sick, and we hope he is well on the way to recovery by now.

Paula Lindberg received a 25-year pin, and Alan Melin received a 40-year pin.

It was decided that meetings for the months of October, 1978 through May, 1979, will be on the first Monday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m. June, July, August and September meetings will be at Pigeon Lake on the first Saturday of the month as in the past.

Our next regular meeting will be at Pigeon Lake on July 1st, and our August meeting will also be at Pigeon Lake on August 5th. This is tennis weekend, and if it's anything like last year it'll sure be a lot of fun.

A well-attended dance, hosted by Nels and Alice Sorensen and their two daughters, as well as several friends who helped, followed the meeting and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Annual Barbecue, hosted by Ernie Hokanson, was, as usual, a huge success — 180 to 200 or more people enjoyed a lovely rib eye steak dinner.

A short picnic followed hosted by Jim Knudson. All small-fry received a ribbon as well as prizes.

A great big 'thank you' to all those persons who made this such a successful weekend!

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Our sympathies are extended to David Rushton on the death of his father, Bill Rushton, who passed away in B.C.

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Congratulations—

To Ron and Vera Fox who were married on March 18th in Buchanan Eastwood United Church. Vera is the former Vera Hyde and a long-time member of Skandia Lodge.

For their honeymoon they motored down the Oregon coast through the redwoods to California. Vera said she really enjoyed the trip at Easter when everything was nice and green and in bloom.

Ron and Vera are residing in Edmonton

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Irma and Bill McMaster recently had as their guests Irma's nephew and wife, Matz and Rose Harlstrom, and their two young sons, Lars and Shane. The family was en route to Anchorage, Alaska, where Matz will be working.

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Magnus and Betty Pearson had as their guests for the long weekend in May their daughter, Marj Correll, and her sons Gail and Kurt, along with Gail's

Milton Fawcett — Skip  
Ray McAuley — 3rd  
Doreen Melan — 2nd  
Brenda Rennie — lead

In second place was the Jim Knudson rink:

Jim Knudson — Skip  
Murray Sund — 3rd  
Doris Gaal — 2nd  
Myrna Melan — lead

Everyone present enjoyed the evening; it was also Don Samuelson's birthday.

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Bowling—

It's really rough to get old and absent-minded..... Someone was kind enough to take notes at the bowlers' wind-up dinner and I forgot to pick them up, so you'll have to wait till next time for that report.

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Summer vacation time is here! I want to congratulate all the young people who have recently graduated from school, whether it be High School, University, NAIT, or whatever.

Those of you who are going into the work-a-day world — my good wishes go with you for success in the future.

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A young couple was on holidays with their two small children, aged 3½ and 2 years.

Mother was water skiing and when she fell in the children were quite concerned. Then dad went for a ski. He also fell, but they decided it was all right because they could always buy a new one!

## This summer at the centre

JULY

22 Dania's Klondike Dance

AUGUST

8 Club Viking — Board of Directors' Meeting  
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# Buford Lodge

by Florence Pearson

Algot Emanuel Pearson passed away on May 15th in the Leduc hospital at the age of 78, after a brief illness.

He is survived by one son, Bob, of Calmar, and three daughters: Mrs. Jim (Olive) Davies of Fort Saskatchewan; Mrs. Bernard (Dolores) Johnson of Telfordville; and Mrs. Harry (Betty) Hanson of Calmar; also one brother and two sisters.

He was predeceased by his

wife, Hildur, in 1971.

He had been a Vasa Lodge member for many years.

Algot was the first white baby to be born in the Calmar area.

Our sympathy is extended to the family.

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Get well wishes go out to Doris Modin who has undergone surgery, and also to Hilda Modin. They are both in the Leduc hospital.

## CRAFT CLASSES by Club Viking

Please indicate which class you will wish to enroll in for the coming fall season.

Class sizes will be limited and those indicating an interest now, will receive priority when details are finalized.

Rosemaling ☐ Cake Decorating ☐  
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## The glorious beer of Copenhagen



## Cultural Corner

by Astrid Hope  
Cultural Director

On May 24th at the general meeting Mrs. Nellie Damm, grandmother of our recently crowned Queen, Jennifer, presented Solglyt Lodge with a beautiful reproduction of the painting *Bridal Party on the Hardangerfjord* by Tidemand and Gude.

It was graciously accepted by President, Gary Johnson, and Cultural Director, Astrid Hope.

Bernice and Kris Nyhus, wearing their native bunads (Hallingdal), served coffee along with a special lunch they had brought.

They also displayed some of their artifacts.

Harry Huser had brought along some samples of rose-maling, and he explained the designs, colours, etc., from the Hallingdal area.

The styles of Hallingdal, along with those of Telemark and Rogaland, have acquired a dominant position and are very popular to this day.

### BRIDAL PARTY ON THE HARDANGERFJORD

Adolph Tidemand (1814-1876), and Hans Grude (1825-1903), belong to the most famous Norwegian painters from the national romantic period.

While Tidemand painted mostly portraits and folk-life studies, Grude became a great landscape artist.

By coincidence they pooled their talents in painting *The Bridal Party on the Hardangerfjord*, a work of art which is extremely popular with visitors to the National Gallery in Oslo, and is featured in Norwegian school textbooks.

The poet, Andreas Munch, became so fascinated by the painting that he wrote the following poem:

*Der aander en tindrende  
sommerluft,  
varmt over Hardangerfjords  
vande,  
bvor bpit mot himlen i blaallig  
duft  
de mektige fjelde stande.*

*Det skinner fra bre, det  
grønnes fra li,  
sit Helligdagsskrud staaer  
Eggen kledd i —  
Thi se! Over grønklare bølge  
hjemglider et brudeplog.*

The English translation—

*There quivers a glittering  
summer air,  
Warm over Hardangerfjord's*



PRESENTATION BY MRS. NELLIE DAMM OF THE PAINTING *BRIDAL PARTY ON THE HARDANGERFJORD* TO SOLGLYT LODGE, SONS OF NORWAY.

*fountains,  
Where high 'gainst the heavens  
so blue and so bare  
Are towering the mighty  
mountains.*

*The glacier shines bright, the  
hillside is green  
All nature responds with  
beauty serene.  
Behold, o'er blue billows  
rowing,  
The wedding folks homeward  
going.*

### MORE ABOUT HALLINGDAL

The Halling costume is the most imaginative of all Norwegian costumes.

In the book *Folk Costumes of Norway* by Gunvor Ingstad, Trotteberg describes it thus—

"The sight of a Halling woman in her holiday costume with hood, roll and all, is like suddenly coming across an exotic flower. The colours of her costume possess a boldness and wantonness which are unsurpassed in any other valley.

Here we have loud cerise, intense yellow and cinnabar, also greens and deep purple in a minor key.

The skirt goes right up beneath the armpits and hangs loosely around the body, and is

fastened to the bodice, which consists merely of a stout pair of braces — an ancient, prehistoric feature.

This costume is now used all over the valley."

The black costume used today has woollen embroidery at the edge of the skirt, on the braces, and on the back; also the cap, with a wealth of interwoven Baroque ornamentation which almost conceals the back-ground.

The male costume copies the elegant Louis XIV dress with the burrel frock-coat. There are many engraved brass buttons. Along with the coat goes a waistcoat and knee-breeches. Below the breeches usually are heavily designed black on white wool stockings.

The Hallingdal valley follows the railroad from Oslo to Bergen (the valley having been there first). If you are travelling you will want to stop at Finse where Captain Scott trained his men for his South Pole expedition, or Geilo, where in summer there are wonderful rambles among the hills that are full of dancing streams and quiet lakes.

The chair lift up to Mount Geilohogda transports you to a wildly rugged moorland where trolls seem to peep from behind every rock, and which in winter becomes the white slopes of a ski resort.

Then go to Gol, where there is a collection of buildings which includes a very fine twelfth-century stave church standing by the trees in its black-timbered, many-roofed magnificence. There are only twenty-five of these unique stave churches still in existence, and very few of them have been left in their original state.

The Hallingdal area is mountainous like most of Norway. There are plenty of mountain goats and sheep.

Down in the valley are small farms where wheat and barley is grown, and sheep, goats and cattle graze in the pastoral areas. Milk and cream products are pampered in this area with such results as *gjetost*, *rommegrot*, and a pastry particular to the area — *rommebrod*.

It is a very scenic valley with birch and spruce trees high up on the mountains. Below there are numerous rivers and streams flowing here and there, laden with mountain and river trout as well as a number of other varieties of fish.

One cannot mention Hallingdal without mentioning the Halling dance, which has no equivalent in English country dancing. It compares in popularity with the Springer and the Gangar.

In the Halling, when the fiddler strikes up the girls draw aside. A man might, through courtesy, lead a girl onto the floor — but what has she to do there except shuffle around in three-quarter time?

Her partner has other things to do, for this is the most masculine of all dances — virility personified with its sudden

astonishing leaps and high kicks. The ceiling is the limit — in this case the blackened beams.

The fiddle used for these dances was usually the Harding Fiddle.

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If any of our readers have the recipe for *rommebrod*, I would very much appreciate having it.

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Also, if anyone has any Christmas cards and/or stamps, preferably Norwegian ones, I greatly appreciate having them.

I plan to make use of them for crafts at the Language Camp. Please phone me at 469-4747, or send them to the following address:

Astrid Hope  
6307 - 103A Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T6A 0W7

## Tall ships to sail again

The arrival of the 'tall ships' in New York harbour on July 4, 1976, was one of the top events during the Bicentennial Year.

And now it will happen again — in Norway and Sweden!

Over fifty old sailing vessels from a number of nations will congregate off Gothenburg on the Swedish West Coast. The race starts on August 6th and the first leg goes to the Fair Isle northeast of Scotland. From there the tall ships race to the Færder lighthouse in the Oslo fjord, where the first arrival is expected on August 13th.

### Roaring Welcome in Oslo—

Operation Sail '78 will start on August 15th when the entire fleet will leave the historic resort town of Horten and sail up the picturesque Oslo fjord. A roaring welcome awaits the sailors in Oslo harbour and in the city itself.

The giant cortege will also include an escort of Norwegian naval vessels, as well as thousands of yachts, motor boats, sailing dinghies and any other leisure craft that can float.

There will be a military salute and a fly-past by the Royal Norwegian Air Force. The royal yacht "Norge" with King Olav

on board will be anchored in a prominent position in Oslo harbour, and the King will be joined by dignitaries from many countries.

When the sailors step ashore in front of Oslo's impressive City Hall, over 100,000 spectators will cheer them and they will find the streets and buildings gaily decorated with flags, bunting and flowers.

Two tours and a cruise centred around this event have been arranged. They cover the highlights of the windjammer parade as well as some of the major tourist attractions of Norway and Denmark.

*Lena was on a trip and she sat next to a lady with the biggest, bugest, most fantastic, beautiful diamond that Lena had ever seen.*

*"My," said Lena, "that is the biggest, most beautiful diamond that I have ever seen!"*

*"Yes, that's the famous Peterson diamond—it's very famous because it came with a curse," said the lady.*

*"What's the curse?" asked Lena.*

*"Mr. Peterson," was the reply.*

## Freeloaders entertain at Ladies Night

by Bob Burt

For the final meeting of the season Torske Klubben held a Ladies' Night.

The meal, prepared by Chef Borge, was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed.

Following Grace and the meal a toast to the ladies was made by Harv Haugen. Betty Broen replied, topping her response with one of those good jokes that Torske members love to hear.

Dr. Chris Hale was the speaker following the supper. He enlightened the members and guests with his talk on names and their origin.

Many of those present were pleased to learn the origin of their names.

Norwegian names came from

such sources as rivers, valleys, coves, inlets, districts and fathers.

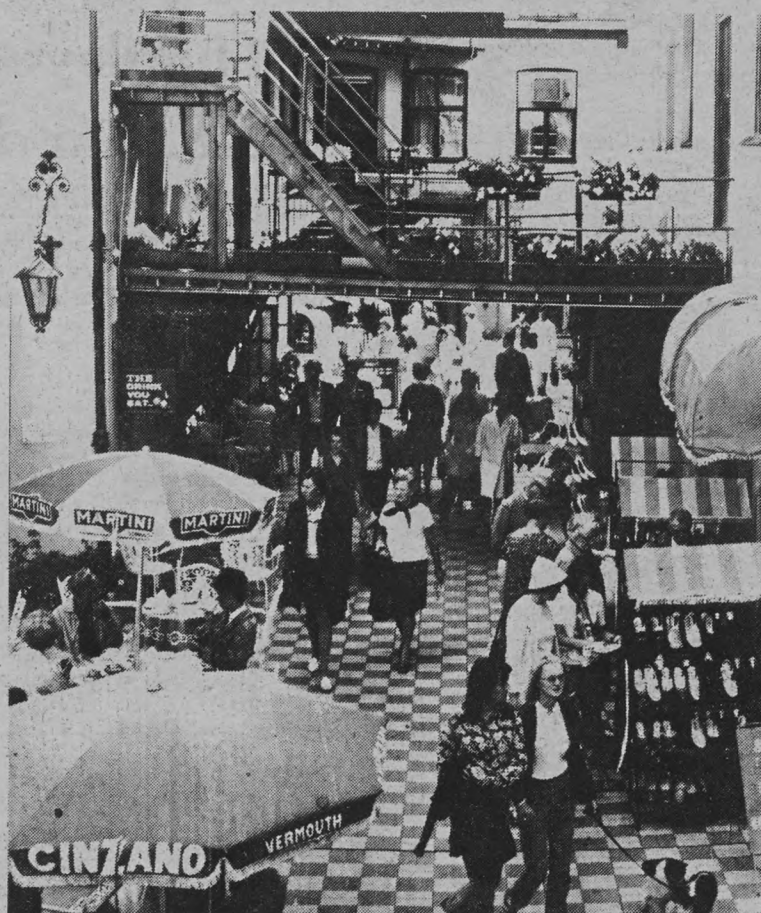
Dr. Hale's talk was short but most enjoyable and meaningful.

The Freeloaders were guests and wore their new, red-trimmed navy vests, bedecked with silver buttons and crests, along with Sons of Norway Seamen's caps.

The members of this talented group who were present were Irene Hovde, Harry Huser, Gary Johnson and Odd Espeland, as well as their promoter and booking agent, Astrid Hope.

Those present tripped the light fantastic to the melodic tunes of the Freeloaders as they initiated their new regalia.

The next Torske Klubben supper meeting will be the first of the new season — September 12th.



The changing face of Oslo, Vikingland's capital city. Picture shows one of the many new walking streets.



# SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



by Astrid Hope

Upcoming Events—  
July 30 —

HERITAGE DAY  
Hawrelak Park  
August 20 - 27 —  
LANGUAGE CAMP  
Mulhurst

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Several new members were initiated at the general meeting held May 24th —

Debra and Dennis Christianson  
Gwen and Norman Legaarden  
Steinar Kloboe  
Harry Mjaatveit  
Sandra and Per Nielsen

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Doreen and Del Melsness left May 26th for a two-week holiday in Courtnay, B.C.

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Mrs. Mary Struthers from Prince George will be visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Doug Peterson, for a week to ten days.

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Gail and Doug Peterson attended the May 17th celebrations of Nisse Lodge at Radisson, Saskatchewan, on May 27th.

The Lodge celebrated the occasion with a Smorgasbord dinner and a special speaker, Consul Elizabeth Anstonson from Saskatoon.

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Eleanor Anderson held a shower to honour Pat Cormody, bride-elect of her nephew, Sidney Anderson.

A garden wedding will be held on June 24th at the home of Betty and Inge Anderson.

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The following Grade XII students have just graduated:  
Allen Anderson  
Christine Anderson  
Cynthia Berg  
Jennifer Christensen  
Kevin Svidal

Sorry if I have missed anyone. Congratulations to all!

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Ken Domier has a guest from Sweden — Dr. Reijo Heinonen (born in Finland), Professor of Soil Tillage from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden.

He is going to attend the 11th International Congress (ISSS) to be held in Edmonton from June 19th to 27th. It will be the first time the Congress, which was formed in 1924, has been held in Canada.

More than 2,000 delegates from 40 countries are expected. The theme will be optimum soil utilization systems under differing climatic conditions.

Dr. Heinonen presented a special seminar on Fertilizer Placement Seeding and Filling at Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and now in Edmonton.

On June 30th he will be in Minneapolis, N.S., for a weekend, and will then go on to Stockholm.

Dr. Heinonen came as a guest to our St. Hans Fest at Lac St. Cyr and greatly enjoyed himself.

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Marie Dreyer travelled to Brantford, Ontario, for the occasion of a 'Thirty Years'

Nurses' Reunion. While there she will be visiting her brother.

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Orla Tychsen will be leaving on June 16th for Hazlet, Saskatchewan, to participate in the three-day "50 Years" celebration of her home town.

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Our sympathy goes out to Gina and Bjorne Myhre and family on the passing of Gina's mother, Mrs. Ingrid Johnson.

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Congratulations to our Queen, Jennifer Christensen, who not only got her picture in the Sun (newspaper) with the Mayor, her grandmother, Nellie Damm, Astrid Hope and Harry Huser in connection with the May 17th celebrations, but was chosen SUNshine Girl for Sunday, June 4th, as well. Her picture was chosen from among a number of Vogue Model photographs.

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Walter Meyer, accompanied by Victor Losa, went on a holiday to the Orient, visiting such places as Hong Kong, Tokyo, as well as Hawaii. He appeared to have absorbed a considerable amount of Mr. Sun.

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Janette and Bob Burt flew to Halifax to be present at the wedding of their son, David Lawrence, on May 20th at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

While there they took side trips to Truro and the Annapolis Valley.

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Mr. Otto Johanson from New Westminster, B.C., visited recently with his daughter, Janette Burt, and husband Bob.

While here he suffered a suc-

## Husker Du ? (Do you remember)

by Astrid Hope

Solglyt Post, June, 1956—

Good luck to Brother Svidal Brother Amdam, Brother Sorenson, Sister Stephenson and Sister Sorenson who will be leaving next Thursday for Great Falls, Montana, where they will attend the 4th District Convention.

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Brother K. Svidal was elected Canada's delegate to the Supreme Convention in Duluth, Minnesota, in August, 1956.

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St. Hans Fest - 7:30 p.m. at White Mud Creek for a Midsummer's Eve get-together with a wiener roast, lots of coffee and kringle. Dancing at the Masonic Temple at 9:00 p.m. with car accommodation for all.

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A miscellaneous shower was

cession of strokes and is presently in the Wetaskiwin Hospital.

We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Winn and Olav Dahl are expecting his nephew and wife from Syvde, Aalesund, Norway, for a month's holiday in the middle of June.

It will be their first trip to Canada. Winn and Olav are accompanying them to the West Coast.

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Selma and Sig Sorenson travelled to Chauvin, Alberta, for the expected event of the birth of the first baby to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson, Selma's niece.

A baby boy was born on May 18th weighing 6 lbs. 9 ozs; the proud parents named him Neil Cameron.

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Nels Hovde had the misfortune to fall off a ladder at the lake. He sustained six broken ribs and a punctured kidney. He was in hospital for a week and a half during which time he underwent a couple of operations.

## Midsummer's Eve - St. Hans' fest celebrations

by Bob Burt

Strange Mixture—

Originally a Christian evening service celebrating the birth of St. Johannes, or Hans (John the Baptist), Norwegian celebrations start with the gathering of wood from miles around with which bonfire stacks are made.

In the evening, when the fires are lit, community members dance and sing around the fire.

Bonfires are lit throughout the country so that the incoming sailors are greeted by a brightly lit coastline.

It is believed that fire helps the heavens in "The Turn of the Sun". Witches, trolls and goblins are also part of the folklore in various areas; the pitch and fire are supposed to chase them away, protecting the people.

And, as is so often the case, old beliefs intermingled with new, with the result that the

We all hope he recuperates quickly now that he is home.

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Also a speedy recovery to— Gilbert Sorenson who is in hospital following a stroke.

John Hope who is in the Royal Alexandra Hospital with a heart ailment.

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Joanne Hope competed at the Alberta Dance Festival held in the early part of June and took first prize in the solo jazz section; she received a scholarship, medals and a certificate.

After her performance she immediately grabbed her crutches — she had a pulled ligament in her right leg which she had injured the week before.

Joanne is John Hope's granddaughter. She has performed at Scandapades, for a May 17th program, and for various Christmas programs.

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On June 16th there was a reception at the Scandinavian Centre for His Excellency, The Ambassador of Norway, Knut Hedeman, and Mrs. Hedeman

hosted by Norwegian Consul, Arne Johannessen, and Mrs. Johannessen.

While in this area they also attended the Sons of Norway 4th District Convention at Grande Prairie.

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Solveig and Odd Espeland expect Solveig's two sisters from Norway — one from Gandall and one from Raneberg — to visit with them.

Solveig went with a sister to meet them in Seattle.

They will be visiting in Canada for five weeks.

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Don't forget to register for the Norwegian Language Camp!

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The Freeloaders entertained at Dr. Angus McGugan Nursing Home and were requested to entertain during Klondike Days.

The patients were very appreciative and delighted with the music.

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Next month's correspondent is Evelyn Johnson — phone the news to her at 484-1639

customs and superstitions surrounding Mid-Summer's Eve are now a strange mixture indeed!

Jonsok Early This Year—

Members of Sons of Norway Solglyt Lodge celebrated St. Hans Fest (Jonsok) early this year — the weekend of June 9 through June 11 — at Lake St. Cyr. The Andersons, Inge and Betty with Anders and Eleanor, were again the gracious and generous hosts.

Over 27 families (some 87 persons) made their annual pilgrimage to this beautiful lake resort to celebrate the traditional European holiday - "The Turn of the Sun" (the longest day of the year).

Shortest Meeting of the Year—

The President called the group to the shortest meeting of the year, making way for the activities to follow.

First and foremost was food — no one goes away hungry. Next in importance was horseshoes, followed closely by fishing.

Teams were soon drawn up for the pitch, and as pairs were eliminated two groups emerged — the winners and the second division. The ladies became involved with their own competition.

Winners this year were Gary Johnson and his father, Cliff, over Ken Domier and Reijo Heinonen (visiting from Sweden).

In the second division Bernie Olafson and Per Nielsen were winners over Anders Anderson and Don Carter.

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# Stock Pot News



by Børge Velling

May, 1978, was not a busy month, but to give you an idea of what we are doing, here are some figures to play with:

Dinner Guests - 2,316 plus Meetings - 860			
Potatoes	— 1,150 lbs.	Carrots	— 300 lbs.
Eggs	— 900	Beef	— 1,011 lbs.
Smoked Loin	— 444 lbs.	Chicken Pieces	— 672
Turkey	— 226 lbs.	Buns	— 229 doz.
Whipping Cream	— 160 ltrs.	Cheese	— 50 lbs.
Butter	— 100 lbs.	Soft Drinks	— 32 tanks

The part-time staff worked 578 hours (like me, ha ha).

## NEWS

We cleaned up the storage rooms and garage. We got new drapes in the foyer. Our compressor broke down and we lost \$200 worth of merchandise. The oven broke down on a Saturday. The ventilation in the Viking Room broke down. Water from the dishwasher ruined the ceiling in the basement. Three young boys tried to steal liquor from a party, pretending they were from a linen company (did not succeed)!

## AND MORE NEWS.....

Allan had a week's holiday but came back sooner than expected to watch his beautiful, polished wooden floors.

-oOo-

Our dishwasher had a nervous breakdown and walked out on us at 6:00 p.m. on a busy Saturday. If you notice a young boy downtown who's doing dishes and talking funny, please send him this way.

Luckily Irene Campbell pulled up her socks and helped us all out of the mess!

-oOo-

The Manager had to send the Chef home when Miss 'SUN' of Norway, Jennifer, was elected. Looking for a part-time job, Jennifer?

-oOo-

By the way — did you notice Hanne's new hair-do? And that the Chef lost his moustache trying to light a cigarette in the oven?



# Scandinavian Kitchen Corner

As promised, this month we feature the Simple Danish Dinner Menu —

## SIMPLE DINNER (Danish)

### Appetizer Spirits

Kalvhjerter

(Potted Calves' Hearts)

Kogte Kartofler

(Boiled Potatoes)

Hvid Kaal

(Buttered Cabbage)

Rødgrød med Fløde

(Red Fruit Pudding with Cream)

or

Risengrød

(Rice Porridge)

Soda Vand

(Mineral Water)

Kaffe

(Coffee)

Mælk

(Milk)

## KALVHJERTER

(Potted Calves' Hearts)

You Will Need—

- 3 calves' hearts
- 9 sprigs parsley
- 3 medium-sized onions, sliced thin
- 2 tbsp. fat
- 2 carrots
- 1½ stalks celery
- 1 small bayleaf
- 4 peppercorns
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. white pepper
- 2¼ cups water
- 1/3 cup thick cream

Wash and clean hearts. Remove sinewy parts from center with a sharp knife. Stuff parsley and a few slices of the onion inside each heart. Close opening with a skewer or sew.

Use a heavy pot, melt fat and brown hearts on all sides.

Add the remaining onions, carrots, celery, bayleaf, peppercorns and seasoning. Stir well and add water.

Cover pot and cook over a very low flame for 2 hours or more. If liquid evaporates too quickly, add 1 or 2 tbsp. water.

When hearts are tender there should be ¾ cup well-seasoned gravy. Stir and add the cream if desired. Pour over the hearts and serve.

This is eaten with boiled or mashed potatoes and a salad. Serves 6.

## RÖDGRÖD MED FLÖDE

(Red Fruit Pudding with Cream)

You Will Need—

- 1 cup red currants
- 1 cup red raspberries
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 1 cup water
- 3 tbsp. potato flour OR cornstarch

If fresh fruit cannot be procured, use canned, sweetened cranberries instead of currants and canned raspberries.

Cook fruit, salt, sugar, cinnamon and one-half the water in a covered pan for 15 to 25 minutes. Allow to cool for a few minutes before straining carefully; return juice to heat.

Stir remaining water into the potato flour or cornstarch to make a smooth paste. Add to hot liquid and stir constantly until pudding is clear and thick.

Pour into sherbet glasses or glass bowl and allow to chill thoroughly before serving.

Serve with thick sweet cream. Serves from 4 to 6.

## RISENGRÖD

(Rice Porridge)

You Will Need—

- 2 cups (14 oz.) southern rice
- 2½ qts. (10 cups) milk
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1/3 cup sweet butter
- Cinnamon (powdered)
- Sugar
- Malt Beer OR

- 3 cups raspberry syrup and 1 cup water

—Rice must be well washed, cleaned, and scalded with boiling water.

Drain, pour off the water and scald again.

It is necessary to rinse the saucepan with cold water before putting in the milk, as this prevents the rice from sticking.

Heat the milk, and when boiling pour in the drained rice gradually so the milk keeps boiling. Stir with a wooden spoon until the rice comes to a full boil.

Cover the saucepan with a tight-fitting lid and allow to boil, turning the heat lower, for at least 40 or 50 minutes. If it is not quite tender, allow to boil longer.

Most people find this rich enough; however, it is preferable to add cream when rice is done and removed from the heat.

Allow cream to warm up; salt the rice.

Danish people use this dish with a lump of cold butter put into the hot rice on each plate.

Cust the rice with cinnamon and sugar after adding the heated malt beer. This beer is sweet but can only be procured in a few places; therefore it can be omitted and a mixture of raspberry syrup and water, making a syrupy sauce, is poured over the hot rice and cold butter. Serves 8.

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# Tour cancelled

AAGE GRUNDSTAD writes that the planned tour of the U.S.A. by ten Norwegian accordion players, which was to be sponsored by Scandinavian Airlines System, has been postponed indefinitely.



# DANIA DOINGS



by Lili Nielsen

Dania's Annual Klondike Dance will be held on July 22nd.

As mentioned to you last month, we have arranged to have this party on a Saturday night and have therefore decided to make it a supper dance.

We had originally decided to serve Herrings and Open-Face Sandwiches, but after getting the final cost from the Centre of \$10.00 per person plus \$1.00 corkage, we realized we had better think of something else, as the tickets would be too expensive for a Klondike Dance.

The Chef at the Centre suggested we serve 'Scandinavian Delight' which consists of Herrings as an appetizer, Danish Hamburg Ryg (smoked pork loin), which I must agree is very good the way Børge makes it.

There will be cheese as dessert, so you can drink your snaps with both the Herrings and the Cheese.

Tickets will be \$10.00 per

person for members, and \$12.00 per person for non-members; they can be purchased from Vera Nielsen at 454-5438, or Niels Smedskjar at 462-7914.

We ask that all tickets be picked up at least one week in advance as we have to confirm the number of people who will attend. The Centre will charge Dania for the final number we give them, so it becomes quite expensive for your Club if you order tickets and don't pick them up — which has, unfortunately, happened in the past.

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As Vejen Garden from Denmark will be in Edmonton at the time of the Klondike Party we hope to have as many of the older ones attend as possible. If you have some of them staying in your home, please consider attending this party even if you would not otherwise attend.

Special admission will be arranged for the boys.

Let's make this year's Klondike Party a real success!

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For your information I am happy to tell you that we managed, with your help, to accommodate all the boys from Vejen by June 12th.

Thank you all for helping Dania to make this possible — we know that you will all make the boys feel at home during their stay in Edmonton.

BØRGE VELLING

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE CHEF-MANAGER



## Icelandic appointment

The Iceland Tourist Board in Reykjavik has named Stefan J. Richter director of the Icelandic National Tourist Office in New York, effective immediately.

Mr. Richter, 46, was born and educated in Iceland, receiving his high school diploma in 1946 in

Reykjavik and a Technical College Degree there in 1951.

He moved to New York in 1973 where he worked for four years with the Scandinavian National Tourist Offices. In the fall of 1977 he was appointed manager of the Icelandic National Tourist Office.

# Seeking a King's father

(from the Danish Journal)

By tradition, the first Danish monarch known to history was Gorm the Old, and with his Queen, Thyra, he is interred in the biggest burial mound in the country.

The mounds still exist at Jellinge, in Jutland, and so do the runic stones that were placed there about 980 A.D. by Gorm's son, Harald Bluetooth. On the stones Harald recorded that he made Danes Christians, but he did not include any other details from his family tree.

If he had, the disagreement which has developed between two eminent students of the Viking period would never have occurred. According to one, the founder of the Danish dynasty was English, while a second theory claims that he was of good Danish stock.

In two books published recently the two present their theories, which are the result of their work on one of the least-known periods of northern European history.

Dr. Erik Kroman, a respected historian, concludes from the sparse records surviving from the period that King Gorm is identical with the English Earl Gudrum. But a retired lawyer, N.C. Skouvig, who has spent many years trying to penetrate the mystery of King Gorm, concludes that he was the son of a Jutland Viking leader.

Mr. Skouvig's work also changes early Danish history by



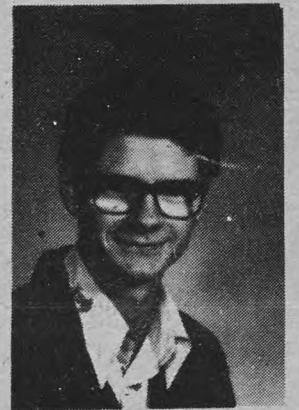
The Jelling Stone, a runic monument erected by King Harald Bluetooth about 980 AD in memory of his parents, King Gorm the Old and Queen Thyra.

cal records, but reached very different conclusions.

Confirmation of either theory seems improbable, unless the town that Mr. Skouvig presumes to have existed is discovered by archaeologists.

assuming Denmark's 'capital' or home of one of the leading chiefs of the age, existed near the town of Viborg in Jutland. This is a departure from the generally accepted belief that Jellinge, and nearby Vejle, were the main centers of power in this period.

The two writers have presented their theories in two books which appeared almost simultaneously from two Danish publishing houses in late 1977. Both have consulted the same histori-



SCOTT IAN GISLASON

On April 27, 1978, Gislis Scott Ian Gislason of Athabasca passed away suddenly at the age of 16 years.

Scott, born October 23, 1961, in Brooks, Alberta, lived in Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Deep Creek at Spruce Park, and in Athabasca. He attended school at Calgary, Richmond Park, St. Mary's Salesian Private School in Edmonton, and Edwin Parr School in Athabasca.

Scott was active in his areas of interest — was Altar Boy at Holy Trinity Big Coulee Church, had two bronzes and a silver crest in Canada Fitness, was an ardent, fearless swimmer holding the Intermediate Certificate, had a Toastmaster's Leadership Certificate and the Hunter Training Certificate from St. Mary's Salesian School. During the last year he played on one of the Junior High Basketball teams, ran the film machine for the E.P.C. Movie Club, became a Corporal with the Athabasca Air Cadets, Squadron No. 230, got his Senior First Aid Certificate, and worked at Stychins Gulf Service weekends. He liked the Missionary Church Youth Group where he occasionally participated.

Scott loved travelling and saw most of Alberta. He travelled on holidays with his parents, then went on the Richmond Park E.O.F. "Seeing Alberta Through the Eyes of an Elementary Child". Last summer he holidayed at Radium, Invermere, Cranbrook, Edgewater and Windermere, B.C., and spent most long weekends visiting his brother, Larke, at Red Deer.

He was predeceased by his father, Gislis, on March 8, 1973. He leaves his mother, Mary, two brothers, Bruce of Lac La Biche and Larke of Red Deer, three sisters, Cathy Earl of Windermere, B.C., Connie of Invermere, B.C., and Maryette Milot of Newbrook, Alberta, three nieces, two nephews, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Athabasca Funeral Services were in charge of arrangements of the Cadet Funeral held at All Saints Anglican Church, Athabasca, and interment was in the Athabasca Cemetery near his father.

The funeral was officiated by Rev. B. Aylard, Anglican Church rector; Padre Walters, Air Cadets; and Father Ritch, St. Mary's Salesian, Edmonton. Mrs. Herman Leicht was organist, Mr. Darryl Pewtress, Edwin Parr High School Band teacher and Athabasca Community Choir Master, sang the solo - 'The Old Rugged Cross'.

Honourary pallbearers were Air Cadets Almond and Martin who played taps. Pallbearers were Russel Kolasa, Lonnie Douglas, Danny Nagel, Darryl Squire, David Borody and Robert Brietzke.

Scott's memory will linger on in the memorials and trophies at St. Mary's Salesian School, Athabasca Air Cadets, Squadron No. 230, Edwin Parr School, Athabasca Anglican Church, Athabasca Missionary Church and Youth Group, and in our hearts.

There were countless lovely expressions of sympathy - deeds, tributes and prayers. Mass was said at the Athabasca Roman Catholic Church; there were prayers at St. Mary's Salesian in Edmonton; and a memorial service at the Athabasca Missionary Church.

The family is sincerely thankful to all for the help, comfort, prayers, tributes, donations, etc., in their deep sorrow on the tragic loss of their beloved Scott.

## ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

by Shirley Sigurdson

There will be no Icelandic Newsletter this month since a new correspondent has not been named. The following item, however, reached me too late to get into the last issue:

Steini and Clara Jonsson celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a dinner and dance for 68 people on May 6th at McQueen Community Hall.

Out-of-town guests included Dr. and Mrs. Norman Vigfusson of Cheney, Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sigurdson of Ashern, Manitoba. Leo was best man for Steini at the wedding in Eriksdale, Manitoba, on May 9, 1953.

Norman Vigfusson ably acted as Master of Ceremonies, and Herb Vigfusson gave the toast to the couple on their anniversary.

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The picnic at Markerville on June 17th was a tremendous success!

The weather was perfect, a few mosquitoes didn't dampen the festivities.

There was a very good turnout — especially notable was a large group of people from Iceland who now reside in Calgary.

Mrs. Rose Benedictson of Red Deer was crowned Fjallkona. The crowd was entertained by a singing group from Calgary as well as the Saga Singers of Edmonton.

Children and grownups alike enjoyed the races and ball games, and especially the food.

We were not able to stay over for the dance and pancake breakfast, but I'm sure they were great too!



# Ship graveyard Found

(from the Danish Journal)

Excavations for a pleasure-craft marina at Nyborg in central Denmark have revealed indications of a ship graveyard and given Danish archaeologists their first tangible evidence of Danish shipping of the period 1500-1700.

Although fairly well equipped with Viking ships from about 1000 A.D. and earlier, Denmark has no surviving relics from the nation's other period of maritime greatness in the late Re-

naissance.

But a mechanical shovel at Nyborg has uncovered the remains of a clinker-built craft about 25 metres in length, probably a coastal vessel, dating from the time of Christian IV (1588-1648).

The National Museum's maritime expert, Ole Crumlin-Pedersen, director of the Viking Ship Museum at Roskilde, has been down on the seabed at Nyborg and believes there are a number of vessels and other things to fascinate researchers.

# Shrine Circus

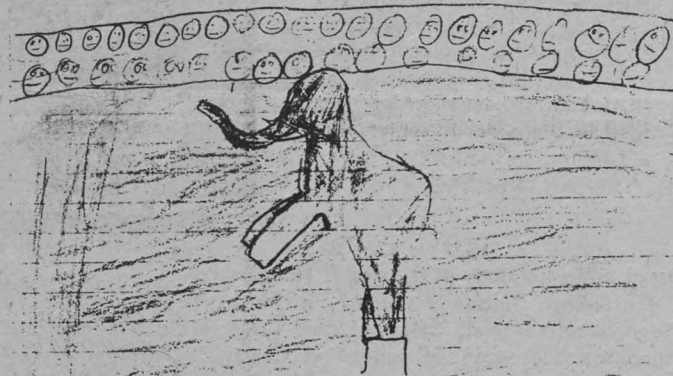
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# Weaving freestyle

(Reprint of an article from "Sweden Now")

What do the villages of Harrania, outside Cairo, and Hedesunda, in central Sweden, have in common? Answer: in both places children are weaving stories of where they live — of Swedish cottages and churches, trees and birds, or of Egyptian camels, streets and date palms.

This is how it happened. In 1960 there was a show of magnificent Egyptian tapestries at the Museum of Modern Art in Stockholm, done by children in Harrania. Teacher-artist Birger Forsberg thought, if children in a rural Egyptian village can imagine and create directly into their weaving without any pattern to follow, certainly children in Sweden ought to be able to do the same.

Birger Forsberg visited Harrania many times and became a good friend of the late Ramses Wissa Wassef, who had been an architect before he began to devote all his time to the Harrania project.

It was only natural for Birger to start a summer weaving camp in his own community of Hede-

sunda. The children have become more and more interested.

Sometimes other activities are more attractive . . . There are no set schedules. The loom rests until the desire returns. "It is important that the desire to create has free play, without pressures," says Birger Forsberg.

In the Community Centre in Hedesunda two walls are adorned with tapestries that abound with happy, poetic pictures. One large one is from Harrania and four slightly smaller from Hedesunda. Their products are not only bought by the locals, but by other county authorities, businesses and private companies — and the Swedish Government has placed a tapestry in their Cairo embassy.

And how does one finance these activities? Well, when a tapestry is sold, half the sum goes to the weaver and half back into the operating and supply costs. The return isn't exactly overwhelming, so the local authorities help out with some modest grants and a little more comes in from various funds that think this is a great idea.

"You see those lights, Knut?" asked Hilda.

"Ya," said Knut, "but what about those lights?"

"They are the lights of the Seagrams plant. See how big it is? You see now, you can't possibly drink it faster than they can make it," said Hilda.

"Oh, no," said Knut, "but have you noticed, I've got them working nights."

Ole had been told that to miss twice while hunting was beyond all bounds as a good hunter. His friend Sven heard two shots fired, and when Ole came out of the brush, Sven asked, "Did you get anything? I heard two shots."

"Vell no," said Ole, "the first time I missed him and the next time I bit him right in the same place."



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Jack Luoma was born in Nurmo, Finland, on October 3, 1886, and died in Edmonton on May 29, 1978.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Hilda Maria Luoma, and daughter Kirsti, son-in-law Don Gerlitz, and grandchildren Susan, Joy, Laurel and Jason.

Jack Luoma came to Canada in the early 1900's. He later went to the United States where he worked in the coal mines in Utah. Mr. and Mrs. Luoma were married in New York in 1924 and they then returned to Finland for a while. Their only daughter, Kirsti, was born there.

After returning to Canada Mr. Luoma worked in coal mines in Alberta. Later Mr. and Mrs. Luoma opened a hotel in Edmonton, and many people have enjoyed the hospitality offered, not only at the hotel, but later at their home throughout the years.

Jack Luoma was one of the original shareholders and a Director of the Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association, and he also served on the executive of the Finnish Society for many years. He was an honorary member of the Finnish Society and will be remembered for his hard work.

Before retiring Jack Luoma was employed for a number of years with the City of Edmonton Engineering Department.

Funeral services were held on June 1st at Augustana Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. Interment took place at Westlawn Memorial Park with Pastor James Kruger officiating.

Jack Luoma will be remembered by his many, many friends as a friendly and always happy person. He will also be remembered as a loving husband, a good father, and a kind grandfather.

*"Time passes,  
Tears shed,  
Memories linger,  
And memories stay."*

## Wooden ships again berth in Nyhavn



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Cost of the "Finnrail" Pass is among the lowest price travel rates on the Continent. It entitles foreigners to unlimited train travel within Finland. The pass can be purchased, either first or second class, in four different categories ranging from 8 days to 15 days, and from 22 days to 1 month. The 8-day book of coupons (second class) can be bought for as low as \$50; the 1 month for \$95. First class begins at \$75 for 8 days and goes to \$145 for 1 month.

### "Eurail" Pass

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of the "Eurail" Pass, entitling travellers to enjoy unlimited train travel in 15 countries riding in first-class coaches.

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Eurail pass can be purchased for 15 or 21 day use, or 1, 2 or 3 months. The price ranges from \$180 for 15 days to maximum use over 3 months at \$450.

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### Special "Holiday Ticket"

Added to these bargain rates, Finnair, Finland's national airline, makes available a special "Holiday Ticket" to Canadian and American tourists. Valid year-round, it's a \$135 ticket

providing unlimited air travel within this Scandinavian country so long as the flying is done within a 15-day period.

The ticket is sold in all Finnish air offices in Canada and the U.S.A.

### "Tourist Ticket"

Finally there is the "Tourist Ticket" — a book of coupons that can be purchased only in Finland from any travel agency or railway station.



by Anja Sahuri

Speedy recovery to Mrs. Sylvi Kankkunen who was hospitalized recently.

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My sincere thanks to the Finnish Society for the lovely flowers I received while in hospital.

—Sylvi Kankkunen

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The second music night, or Humppa-ilta was accepted a little better than the first one.

We had about twenty people in attendance.

The music is taped and should be enjoyable to all.

Valid for 2 months, the tourist ticket can be used interchangeably, at any time during this period, on planes, buses, trains and boats. Coupons are issued for each destination and the price determined on mileage.

Departure dates, destination, and class of ticket must be made known at the time of purchase since coupons are required to be used in the order in which they are affixed in the tourist book.

The next music evening will be announced later in the fall.

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Sincere sympathies are extended to Mrs. H.M. Luoma and Kirsti and Don Gerlitz and family on the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Jack Luoma, on May 29th.

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## Free guide to trade fair and exhibits

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The 48-page booklet contains information alphabetized by industry and chronologically listed by event.

Among the hundreds of listings are trade fairs and exhibitions in such industries as advertising, aeronautics, space research, architecture, electronics, data processing, forestry, agriculture, petroleum, education, fashion, optics, tourism, communications, automotive, and many others.

Fairs and exhibits from virtually every corner of the world are represented in the new booklet from the Consumer Goods Fair in Gothenburg in September to the Ideal Home Exhibition in Geneva in October to the International Film and TV Festival in New York in November.

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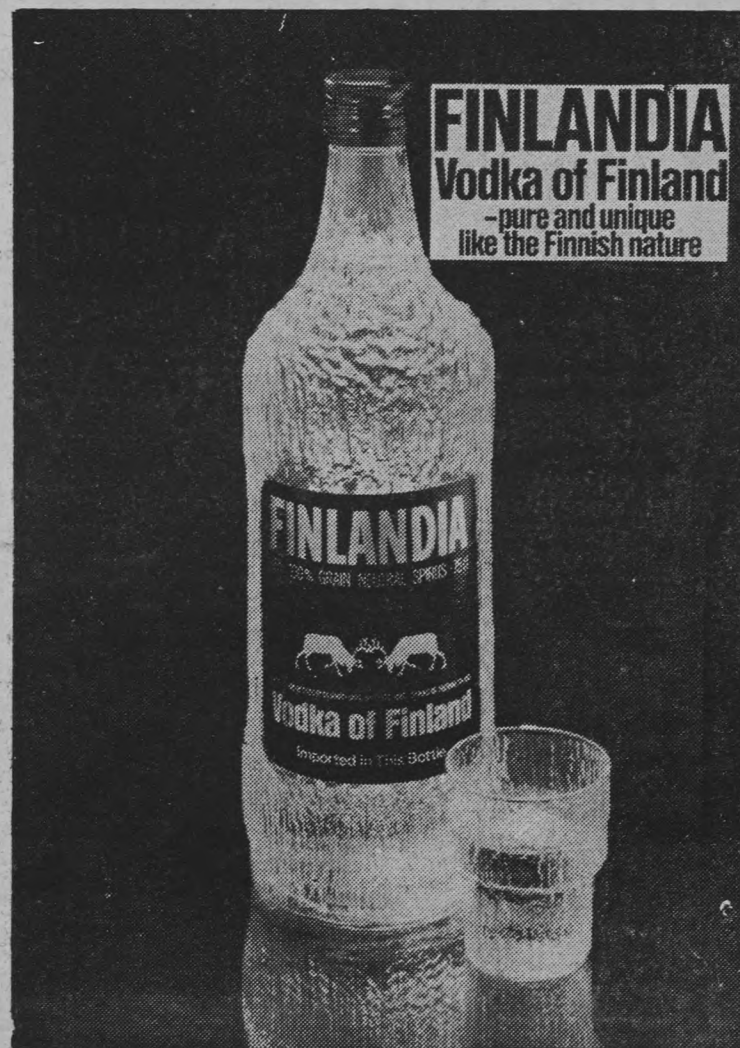
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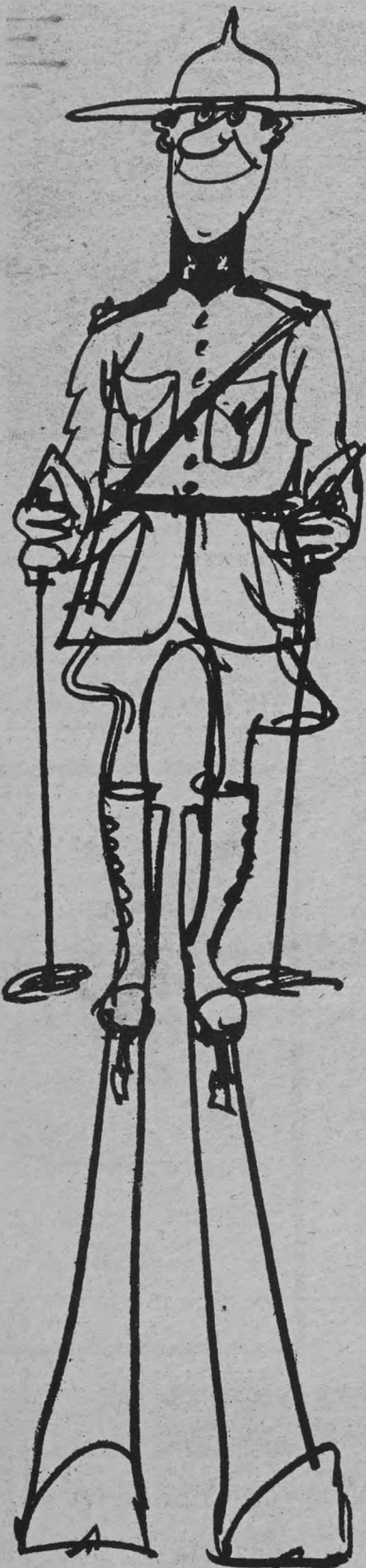




## Swedish business in Canada - conclusion

Ski poles! A hot new industry for Canada

An Astra subsidiary in Norway has been making the famous Swix brand of ski wax for years. It's the best known wax for cross-country skiing in the world



and holds 60% of the Canadian market. Ski wax is a relatively simple thing to export. But in studying the growing cross-country skiing market, Astra saw that there was an opportunity for ski poles, which are not as simple to export from Scandinavia. (Skis were out, since there are a number of highly competitive makers.) So Swix Sport International—as the Astra wax division is called—has now started to make cross-country ski poles. They will make only 100,000 pairs this season, which is about 20% of the total Canadian market.

The company estimates it will make 400,000 pairs in 1978, and within 5 years will reach 1 million pairs. And next year the company plans to start making wax in Canada.

What's particularly interesting is that this is Canada's first ski-pole manufacturing facility. The plant employs 12 workers. The basic pole is made of Tonkin bamboo—there is nothing quite like bamboo for strength combined with flexibility and lightness. The bamboo is straightened in heat-treatment machines imported from Norway, and then plastic-coated and applied with handles and bases. It's a complicated operation, especially in keeping lengths separate.

"By 1980 the sales of our new ski division will be about \$5 million," says Björn Læyner, who naturally likes to go out cross-country skiing, as do millions of other Canadians.

Although most Swedish companies in Canada were founded as subsidiaries of the parent back home, specializing on Swedish-based technology, Nife Jungner AB expanded through acquisition of a Canadian company, Powertronic Equipment Ltd.

Nife Jungner, which assembles nickel cadmium batteries and battery cells in Canada, acquired Powertronic in 1973. This company, founded in 1944, makes rectifiers, battery chargers, voltage regulators, industrial truck battery chargers, and stand-by power sources for telecommunications and other services. Powertronics' sales last year were \$8 million, which was four times that of Nife Jungner Ltd.

"Industry in Canada is ideal for our products," says Bo Isaksson, Managing director of Powertronics. "There is a great demand for power. We have 80% of the market for industrial truck battery chargers."

Isaksson brings an unusual background to his job in Canada. He previously was with the industrial products division of Perstorp, and was involved with that company's early experiments with expanding industrial democracy. Comparing Swedish labour relations to those in Canada, he says, "It's simpler to manage a company here. You can talk incentives and employees are satisfied. People will work like hell for money."

Down the road a piece, in the same eastern Toronto suburb of Mississauga, Bo Gedda is president of Nife Jungner.

"There's not much difference

doing business here than in Sweden," Gedda says. "However, price is more important."

Nife Jungner has some 80% of its customers in the Toronto-Montreal area, and the company wants to expand more in the booming western regions of Canada.

One advantage that Gedda finds is that Canadians are 'more European than Americans—they are more open to new things.' This means that it is easier to sell Canadians on the idea of nickel cadmium batteries (which are more expensive but longer lasting) than lead acid batteries. Big users are electric power utili-

ties and the Canadian National Railways, who need the features of the Nife Jungner 'non-stop power'.

Nife Jungner likes to tell how all buildings in Toronto have nickel cadmium batteries for emergency power in that rare event when there is a mains failure.

The day after I visited this company, I was stuck between floors in a hotel elevator for 1½ hours. There was plenty of power all right—the emergency phone worked fine. The fault was a blown fuse. It was not a Swedish fuse.

## Arts tour

"Funen School of Painters". The day ends at Odense, the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen.

Heart of Jutland—

The next day begins with a drive across the Littlebelt Bridge to Herning in the heart of Jutland. Herning is a modern city where art and industry have met and harmonized. In Herning factories are works of architecture, and the art museum dedicated to Carl Henning Pederson and Else Alfeldt was formerly a factory. The circular structure is a showcase to these two artists and also houses an outstanding sculpture collection.

The day is completed with a visit to Silkeborg — the picturesque capital of the lovely lake district. In Silkeborg the new museum dedicated to the internationally famous Danish painter, Asger Jorn, is still under construction. In the meantime, art lovers can see the town's treasures at the Silkeborg Museum. At the end of the day one continues to Aarhus.

Open-Air Museum

The next morning is devoted to exploring Aarhus, Denmark's second-largest city, and its famous open air museum — a meeting of past and present that is regarded as one of the finest in the world. From there it's a pleasant drive to Aalborg for a stop at the unique North Jutland Museum created by the world-renowned Alvar Aalto. Here the architect captured the natural light with unique, slanted window-walls, to display the paintings to their best advantage.

The town of Aalborg is where the famous Danish aquavit is made. If one is tempted to try the drink, there's always a warm welcome at the old Duus Wine Cellar.

Tip of the Continent—

In the morning the road leads to the tip of the Continent along sparkling beaches to Skagen. This little fishing village, one of Denmark's most popular resorts, was the site of an artist colony in the 1870's. Drawn by the unusual natural light—the famous two horizons—young, creative people came here from all over Scandinavia. Their works can be seen at the Skagen Museum and in a special room at the Bron-

For art lovers everywhere the Danes have created a very special vacation—the Arts Tour of Denmark. It's one of a series of motor tours for individual tourists designed to combine sight-seeing in Denmark with the traveller's favourite pastimes or special interest.

What better way to learn about Danish history than by discovering centuries of Danish art? And what better way to appreciate the beauty of the Danish countryside than by seeing it interpreted by Denmark's greatest artists?

Starts at Copenhagen—

The base for the Arts Tour where one begins and ends the motor tour is Copenhagen. Art enthusiasts will find that the city is the cradle of Denmark's culture and creativity. There are museums that are known worldwide for their collections. The Glyptotek boasts original works of sculpture from the Hellenic, Roman and Egyptian periods and wonderful Impressionist paintings.

The Hirschsprung specializes in native Danish art.

At Thorvaldsens Museum are found the works of that famous Danish sculptor. And the State Museum of Art houses one of the nation's most impressive collection of paintings and sculpture.

What's more, artistic Copenhagen does not stop at the city limits. A short drive north of the city is the stunning Louisiana Museum at the Danish Riviera south of Elsinore and the lovely Ordrupgaard Collection.

Rural Pleasures—

On the first day of the Art Motor Tour the city's delights are left behind for rural pleasures. The road leads to Halskov where the traveller and his car are ferried across the Great Belt to Knudshoved and the town of Nyborg on the enchanting Funen Island. All along the way there are sights to see. Here the fairy tale comes to life, not only in the art museums, but in the storybook landscape.

From pleasant Nyborg the road leads to Kvaerndrup where Egeskov Park is surely worth a stop. Then on to Faaborg with the art museum, famous for its collection of paintings of the

dum Hotel.

Two other highlights of the area are Anna and Michael Ancher's House, where these two famous artists lived and worked and Grenen, where the waves of the North Sea meet the waves of the Skagerrak.

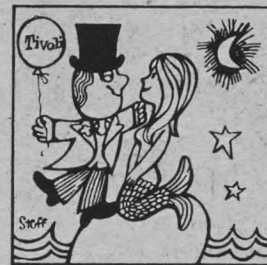
The tour continues through Frederikshavn and on south with an optional visit to Voergaard—a charming Renaissance manor of the 16th century—with return to Aalborg for another night's stay.

More Interesting Sights—

On the fifth day there is the opportunity to see more interesting sights — a visit to the Rebild National Park, setting of the annual July Fourth celebration, the lively town of Randers and a visit to the Rosenholm Castle, home of the Rosencrantz family, famous from Hamlet, and with a fantastic collection of paintings and tapestries. Stay overnight at Ebeltoft, a charming fairytale town with the smallest town hall in the world.

On the sixth day the traveller ferries from Ebeltoft to Odden, then drives to Roskilde, perhaps with a visit to the Cathedral. Then back to Copenhagen.

For those who believe in travel with a purpose, a personalized Danish vacation is ideal. If that purpose is art, the Arts Tour of Denmark offers an expertly designed overview of Danish Art History combined with an opportunity to sample some of the country's best-known sights.



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# Ancient gold find

(from the Danish Journal)

There it was. History repeating itself? The birds fell silent, the wind lulled, the heavens darkened preparatory to a thunderstorm. Just as Adam Oehlenschläger had described it 175 years earlier. And out of the soil came part of history's treasure trove .....

A gold neck-ring weighing almost 2 kg. in a twined style, complete with a buckle that immediately dated the piece at about 900 A.D. An archaeological sensation the like of which has been unknown in Denmark since 1734, when the second of Oehlenschläger's gold horns came to light.

For about 18 months National Museum sleuths had been keeping an eye on a field in the west of Zealand. The place was (and still is) secret. Various 'highly interesting' finds had already been made, but the archaeologists anticipated more.

### TREASURE

And then one day, as the farmer was harrowing the field, a heavy ring caught in one of the teeth. Straightening out the warped ring of greyish metal, the farmer found it to be of arm's length — and called the



Adam Oehlenschläger.

National Museum.

His reward is likely to be fairly decent — it is stipulated

by law: all historical metal objects found in the soil shall be surrendered to the authorities in return for the face value of the metal. The gold neck-ring is worth about kr. 50,000 on the world market, and the custom is for reward money to be added to the intrinsic value.

It was equally unromantic back in 1639 and 1734 when the two gold horns were found—among Denmark's greatest national relics.

The first two-foot long horn of pure gold was found by a peasant in southern Jutland. He gave it to his children to play with — which they did until a local schoolmaster spotted it and arranged for it to be sent to the National Museum. The second horn was found in the same place barely a century later.

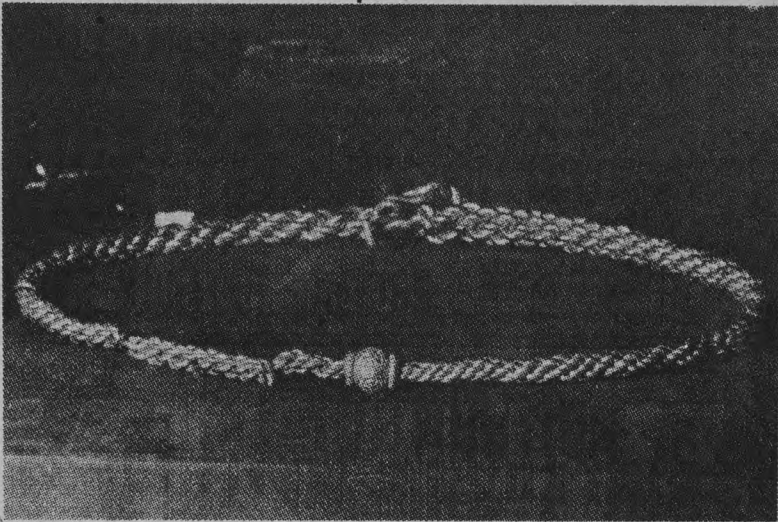
### BLONDE GIRL

When the 19th century Romantic Poet, Oehlenschläger, wrote his poem about the gold horns, it also became a piece of national treasure — although his description (a blonde, buxom lass stumbling over a gold horn on her way across the fields) is as poetic as the actual event was not.

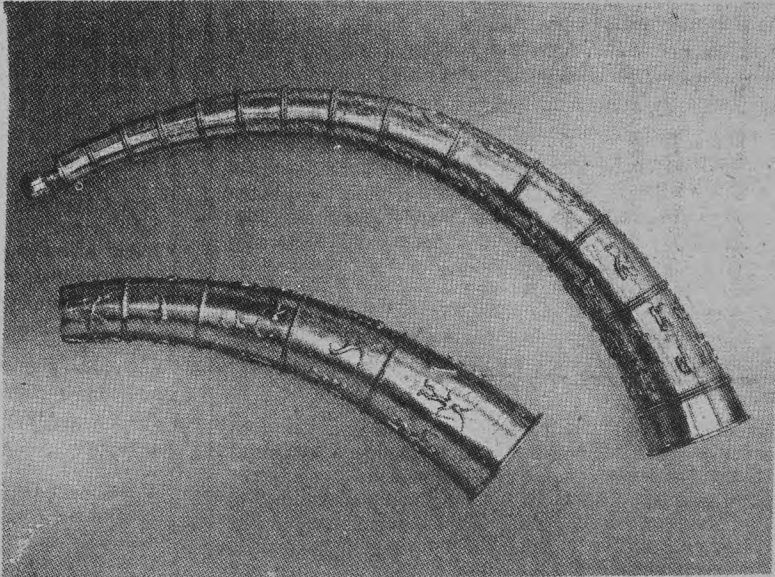
The pair of horns were later

stolen in Copenhagen and melted down. The thief was caught and jailed for life. Since then the two copies of the horns have been on display at the National Museum, Copenhagen, where they remain the object of heated research

and interpretation. The peculiar markings and figures have been the matter of scores of theories. Generally the horns are seen as some form of symbolic drinking cup of Celtic origin. But their markings are a complete mystery.



Gold neck-ring dated from Viking period c. 900 AD, found during spring ploughing in Zealand in 1977.



Reproduction of the two gold horns found in 1734.

## Danish nursery rhymes re-written

(from the Danish Journal)

'It's Raining, Said John Twaining' is a tribute by an expatriate Dane to the poetry of his childhood.

N.M. Bodecker, who emigrated to the United States in 1952 and is now resident in New England, has translated — or rather rewritten — a handful of Danish nursery rhymes in English and has illustrated them himself. Text and drawings are quite charming, and the latter especially are typically Danish in style.



Go Lifeseeing in Denmark ...

Bodecker is, in fact, an illustrator in his adopted country but this book of his could have been written and illustrated only by someone who had learned the verses by heart at the age of 3 to 4 years, and in Denmark, like millions of other Danish toddlers before him.

Bodecker's own three sons, all born in the United States, learned them from their father in impromptu translation (each had his favourite rendering).

This one is included in the book:

*Three little guinea pigs  
Went to see the King  
One brought a rose,  
One brought a ring,  
One brought a turnip  
To give to the King.*

*Two went back home  
Neither fatter  
Nor thinner.  
One sat on the Queen's lap  
And ate the King's dinner.*

## Motor home vacations in Scandinavia

Beating the high European hotel prices has caused headaches to the best brains in the travel industry.

Now Clarke Tours, a division of Clarke Transportation Canada Ltd., and Scandinavian Airlines have come up with something which may be an answer to the prayers of many potential tourists, especially those who want to share their vacation pleasures with their families and children.

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Copenhagen is the gateway to Scandinavia, and that is where you pick up your motorhome. A Volkswagen Camper, recommended for 2 adults and up to 3 children would cost you \$580 a week with unlimited mileage. If, for instance, two couples

were to share this cost, it would break down to about \$21 per person per night.

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## Klondike - Nite - Stand announces winners

A project of the Klondike-Nite-Stand, of which Janette Burt is President, is the Evelyn Unger School of Learning and Language Disability. Each year they hold a raffle, with the proceeds going to the School.

Janette and Bob Burt made it possible to raffle another rug which they hooked. 800 tickets were sold, and \$1,200.00 was realized through a bazaar.

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# Old-time music maker

by Olaf Sveen

One of the biggest names when it comes to old-time music in Norway today is Oddvar Stegegjerdet from Gaupne i Sogn.

Oddvar plays the accordion, and the Norwegian accordion paper, *Trekkspillnytt* (Accordion News) says that he plays old-time music the way old-time music should be played.

He is also a composer and collector of old-time music, and he makes records for Polydor Records.

## Versatile Man:

Oddvar is a very versatile man and can call himself a farmer, brick-layer, carpenter, and jack of all trades, even though music now takes up most of his time.

He and his wife, Aslaug, have four children, and every member of the family is interested in music.

To become as good on the accordion as Oddvar is not easy and here are some of his ideas as to what it takes:

"First of all, a person must have musical feeling. But that does not mean you have to be a super genius - people like that often take short-cuts and forget about something as important as music. theory.

And you must be interested, and know enough about notes to write down a melody, but you don't have to be an expert.

As far as accordion players go, they must have strength in both arms and fingers. If you don't have a job that keeps you in shape, then it is best to practise a couple of hours every day. One thing is very important: accordion players must look after their fingers. If one finger is in bad shape it is enough to spoil the whole performance."

## Folk Melodies Hidden:

Oddvar believes many good folk melodies are hidden around in the valleys in Norway, and he travels around trying to dig them out, get them written down and performed on the radio.

Many such melodies that he has found are so good that he calls them "cultural treasures".

He also has his own publishing company, with the best-known piece published so far being a reinlender called *Turid*. (Turid is a beautiful and popular girl's name in Norway.

## Never Give Up:

Oddvar is never happier than when he can play old-time music. Conducting is another of his strong points, and he once conducted a band of 2,200 youngsters at Lillestrom playing one of his reinlenders.

At 38 Oddvar is still a young man, and he has already done a lot for the musical culture of



ODDVAR STEGEGJERDET

If anyone is interested in knowing more about Oddvar Stegegjerdet and his music, drop him a line at—

5820 Gaupne,  
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Norway. He says, however, that he has barely started, so we expect to hear more and more from him and his music in years to come.

By the way, his motto is "Never Give Up".

Club Viking will commence with two very exciting projects this coming fall!

Craft classes are being organized — and we need your indication of interest so that we have some figures to work with. The form in this paper which we are asking you to complete and return to us is self-explanatory.

Join us — we're looking forward to a lot of fun!

Commencing on September 15th Club Viking will hold NOON SMORGASBORDS. The first four Fridays will be open to everyone — we do not want to exclude anyone who wishes to have an opportunity to sample Børge Velling's choice food. After these first four Fridays, however, the noon smorgasbords will be open only to Club Viking members and their invited guests.

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(See Dania's Doings for more information)

## Notice to Shareholders Special General Meeting

moved to

**Tuesday - August 29 - 8 p.m.**  
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Because so many of our shareholders will be away on vacation during July, and because to date, we have had no reply to our latest letter to the City of Edmonton, the Board of Directors has again moved this meeting.

## EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER '78

## CHANGE IN PUBLICATION OF SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS

In order to set a definite and consistent work schedule for those involved in the publication of this newspaper, and in order to schedule definite dates with the printer, the Board of Directors has decided to change the schedule of dates on which the paper is issued.

Because the newspaper will be printed every four weeks, there will be 13 issues every year — the 13th will be a special Christmas edition and will contain ethnic Christmas articles and Christmas greetings only. Please note that the deadline for this issue is earlier than for the others.

THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WILL COMMENCE WITH THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE NEWSPAPER:

MAILING DATE	DEADLINE DATE
September 8	August 22
October 6	September 19
November 3	October 17
December 1 (CHRISTMAS ISSUE)	October 1
December 29	December 12
January 26	January 9
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March 23	March 6
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June 15	May 29
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